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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Some Committee Work at Headquarters.

ON December 8th the committee elected by the Spa Practitioners' Group held its first meeting and appointed Dr. F. G. Thomson of Bath (President of the Association in 1925) chairman for the session. The committee is submitting to the Council, through the Insurance Acts Committee, a series of recommendations to cover the whole question of provision of spa treament for insured persons at the several spas in the event of this form of treatment being adopted as an additional benefit under the Act by the approved societies.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Subcommittee on December 9th discussed with a deputation from the Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres the policy of the formation of infant welfare centres for the benefit of mothers who are in a position to pay for such a service. A subcommittee was appointed, consisting of the chairman (Dr. William Paterson, Willesden), Dr. E. R. Fothergill, Dr. Rose Molloy, Dr. Christine Murrell, and Dr. W. Renton, to draft a full report on the subject and to formulate recommendations for submission to the next meeting of the subcommittee. The subcommittee also has under consideration the effect of the adoption of contributory schemes by voluntary hospitals upon the policy of education authorities in providing for the hospital treatment of school children found on inspection to be defective. This difficult problem is receiving careful consideration from both the Hospitals Committee and the Medico-Political Committee.

Annual Handbook of the Association, 1927-28.

The *Annual Handbook* of the British Medical Association for 1927-28 is now available. Copies can be had by members, gratis and post free, on application to the Medical Secretary, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1. Primarily intended as a book of reference for honorary secretaries and other workers of the Association, the *Handbook* should prove of interest and assistance to all members. The new edition is completely revised. It contains the decisions of the Representative Body of the Association on matters of policy; particulars about medical charities; information as to the constitution of the Association, and as to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL (the circulation of which is now 36,850 copies weekly) and other publications of the Association; lists of the members of the Council and central committees, officers, and officials of the Association; and much other information regarding the work of the Association. To non-members the book is on sale at 3s. 6d. (post free 3s. 9½d.).

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

DUNDEE BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Dundee Branch was held in the Medical School, University College, Dundee, on November 29th, when Dr. A. H. MACKLIN gave a lecture on a Polar expedition, with special reference to the medical aspects, from his experiences in the *Endurance* and *Quest* expeditions to the Antarctic. The need for careful preparation was emphasized. In the prevention of scurvy the measures used were (1) dietetic, (2) elimination of toxins. Under the first heading came the use of Mediterranean lemon juice with the addition of 5 per cent. alcohol to prevent freezing, dried and condensed milk, peas, beans and lentils for germinating, and the free use of locally killed meat. The sledging rations were described in detail. In the elimination of toxins autogenous sources were ruled out by careful medical selection of personnel and by insistence on a daily movement of the bowels. With regard to frost-bite, local prevention consisted in placing and maintaining an air space between the skin and cold outer air by means of suitable clothing. As initial treatment gentle heat was used; this was usually supplied by the patient's own body, or, in the case of the feet, by the body of some other person; sometimes relays were required; rubbing the affected part with snow was contraindicated. In the production of snow blindness it was found that dull days were the most dangerous; this was not entirely due to the continued accommodation necessitated by lack of contrast in the surroundings, since snow goggles, which did not give increased definition in diffuse light, prevented the onset. As to alcohol, an occasional "tot" did no harm, but the general rule was abstinence. The wanderings of the *Endurance* expedition were followed from the wreck of the ship to the eventual rescue from Elephant Island. The common fauna of the Antarctic were described. The lecture was illustrated by excellent lantern slides.

On the proposal of the president, Dr. GEORGE C. BURGESS, a vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Macklin for his very interesting and enjoyable lecture.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: CONSETT DIVISION.

THERE was a good attendance of members of the Consett Division at the first combined general and social meeting of the winter session, held in the Railway Hotel, Consett, on November 23rd.

After going through the business agenda and hearing the report of the representative on the work done at the Annual Representative Meeting, which led to some discussion, the members adjourned to the dining room, where they entertained Mr. J. S. Arkle, ophthalmic surgeon, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to a complimentary supper, when Dr. MORISON (Catchgate) took the chair.

Afterwards Mr. ARKLE gave a most instructive and practical address on some commoner diseases of the eye and their treatment, in which he dealt in a concise and helpful way with the external diseases of the eye met with in general practice and the methods of treatment adopted in the ophthalmic department of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Royal Victoria Infirmary. The address was well received, and the vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by Dr. MURRAY (Blackhill), was carried with acclamation.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: DARLINGTON DIVISION.

THE annual dinner of the Darlington Division was held at the Queen's Hall, Darlington, on December 1st. The chair was occupied by the president, Dr. PRIDHAM, and a company of forty-two sat down. The toasts were "The Profession of Medicine," "The Guests," and "The Ladies," and the speeches, as usual, were very amusing and sometimes erudite. In the course of the evening the Sinclair golf trophy was presented by the president for the

third time in succession to Dr. Haig. The musical side of the programme was supplied by Drs. DAWSON, KIRK, and FORSYTH, and it was midnight before the happy company dispersed. The bill of fare and the toast list were enlivened with a variety of apt quotations from English classics, old songs, and other sources.

OXFORD AND READING BRANCH: WINDSOR DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Windsor Division was held on December 2nd, when Dr. J. J. PATERSON was in the chair. Dr. ELIZABETH SLOAN CHESSER moved the following resolution:

> In the opinion of this meeting the establishment of periodical medical and dental examinations of all persons insured under the national insurance laws is urgently called for as an economic proposition, having regard to the return so to be obtained in health and productive efficiency; every such insured person, when accepted as a patient on a doctor's panel, shall be by that doctor medically examined, and the result of that examination placed on record. Preliminary examination should apply also to dental examination, when that additional benefit is included and available under the national insurance laws.

Dr. Sloan Chesser drew attention to the greatly increased expectation of life found among those insured with the Metropolitan Life Assurance Company in America who had submitted to the "annual overhaul." She pointed out that under the present panel system doctors were not able to examine their patients when they were supposed to be in normal health, so that many cases of disease were not detected until too late. She showed that anything that tended to lower the standard of acumen in a doctor's work lowered his or her personal professional moral. The aim of the panel doctor must be the good health of all his patients and not merely to treat them when ill.

Dr. PATERSON summed up the resolution as "school medical inspection for adults." He referred to the calamitous break in medical care between the ages of 14 and 16, when both boys and girls needed it, and suggested that increased frequency of examination might well begin by requiring panel doctors to examine young people, at a special fee, when they came under the national health insurance at the age of 16. This examination would be most easily performed at some central place, such as the local general hospital. The inspection might be repeated between the ages of 21 and 25. Dr. Paterson added that the general improvement of health had falsified the calculations of the insurance societies, who were all richer than they expected to be, and the fee for special examination could be well afforded.

Dr. ELIZABETH CASSON said that for the first six months no sick benefit could be drawn by those aged 16, and the societies could well afford to pay a fee out of the money thus saved. She emphasized the great advantage of an examination which gave the panel practitioner a knowledge of each patient in normal health: it was unsatisfactory to treat persons seen for the first time only when very ill. Dr. LLOYD and Mr. SPROTT also joined in the discussion.

It was unanimously decided to submit the resolution to the Representative Body of the British Medical Association.

PUNJAB BRANCH.

THE first meeting of the session of the Punjab Branch was held on November 2nd under the chairmanship of Colonel H. M. MACKENZIE, when Dr. PREM NATH SURI read a paper on the recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis. The lecture was illustrated by pictures shown with the epidiascope. Dr. Suri, dealing with recent work in diagnosis, laid stress on the importance of radiograms, and especially screening, and on the uses of lipiodol. He also mentioned "vital capacity" as an important aid in diagnosis. Turning to the treatment side, although best results had been obtained by controlled auto-inoculation and systematic medical supervision, individualization of treatment was an important factor in the use of tuberculin and phototherapy. These were potent aids in treatment, but with lack of care in the selection of cases might do much harm. Dr. Suri also, in passing, referred to Spahlinger's treatment and the use of krysolgan and sanocrysin. In cases in which purely medical measures had failed, artificial pneumothorax, thoracoplasty, and phrenicotomy were important aids in prolonging life. "The message of the twentieth century," he concluded, "was a message of hope, not only for the early but even for the advanced case."

At the conclusion of the paper a discussion was opened by Colonel MACKENZIE, in which Colonel RAI, Major HARPER NELSON, Major MIRAJKER, Dr. MAHARAJ KISHAN, and Dr. V. NATH took part.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

AT the Queen's Hall, Southsea, on December 8th, a most successful meeting was held, to which the local clergy were invited as private guests of the members. Over a hundred were present, of whom seventy-eight sat down to supper. Dr. F. M. R. WALSHE, physician in charge of the neurological department, University College Hospital, gave an address on some aspects of the faith cure, ancient and modern. The discussion was opened by the BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH; he was followed by many clergy of various denominations, who gave their views briefly. The debate excited so much interest that, owing to the late hour, the meeting had to be closed before all those interested in the subject could take part in the discussion.

The Division will be pleased to see at their meetings any members of other Divisions. A list of fixtures can be obtained from the honorary secretary, Dr. F. C. B. Gittings, 15, Brading Avenue, Southsea. The annual dance in aid of medical charities is to take place on January 10th, at the Savoy Café.

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

FIFE BRANCH.—The Council of the Fife Branch is arranging a complimentary dinner to Dr. C. E. Douglas, to be held in the Station Hotel, Kirkcaldy, on Thursday, December 22nd, at 6.45 p.m., tickets 12s. 6d. each. It is felt that the many services rendered by Dr. Douglas to the Branch and the profession generally should be recognized on the occasion of his retirement from practice. Members of the Branch wishing to bring friends may do so on intimation to the secretary. Members proposing to be present at the dinner are asked to notify Dr. J. M. Johnstone, joint honorary secretary, Seaview House, Leven, by December 17th.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of the Lewisham Division will be held at the Town Hall, Catford, S.E.6, on Tuesday, December 20th, at 8.45 p.m. Dr. Rose Jordan will read a paper on the differential diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: STRATFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Stratford Division will be held in the Board Room, Educational Offices, The Grove, Stratford, on Tuesday, December 20th, at 9.15 p.m., when Mr. L. Carnac Rivett, surgeon to the Chelsea Hospital for Women and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, will give a lecture on pyrexia during the puerperium.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—A meeting of the Willesden Division will be held at the Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, N.W., on Wednesday, December 21st, at 9 p.m. A paper on public education in health will be read by Dr. G. F. Buchan, medical officer of health, Willesden Urban District, and Dr. N. R. Beattie, assistant medical officer of health.

MIDLAND BRANCH: HOLLAND DIVISION.—A meeting of the Holland Division will be held at Spalding on Friday, January 6th, 1928, at 3 p.m. Sir Humphry Rolleston, Bt., Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge, will give a British Medical Association Lecture on the medical aspects of idiosyncrasies.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: BISHOP AUCKLAND DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Bishop Auckland Division will be held in the Cottage Hospital, Bishop Auckland, to-day (Friday, December 16th), at 8 p.m. Agenda: Correspondence; monthly circular; arrangements for annual dinner.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: TYNESIDE DIVISION.—The Tyneside Division has arranged to hold a dinner on January 13th, 1928. Sir Robert Bolam has promised to attend, and the member of Parliament for Tyneside, Major West Russell, has been invited.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, January 5th, 1928, at 4 p.m. Sir John Collie will give an address on "Where law and medicine meet." Tea served at 3.45 p.m.

THE DENTAL BOARD.

AT the opening of the thirteenth session of the Dental Board, on November 8th, Sir FRANCIS DYKE ACLAND, Bt., the chairman, delivered an address in which he described the work of the Board during the past year. Up to now just over fifty students whom the Board had assisted through their curriculum had qualified, and all but six or seven of them were already in practice. He also laid stress on the popular education in dental hygiene which the Board was disseminating. An experiment made in displaying dental posters on an underground railway in London had met with very great success, and similar work was being extended both in London and the provinces. An intensive campaign had been carried out with the help of the medical authorities in the county of Durham. The Board continued to bring home to various individuals the pains and penalties of practising dentistry without registration. He had been rather surprised to find how numerous were the cases in which the Board had to take action. He was aware that the profession was greatly interested in the question of clinics. In this, as in other matters, the Board decided on the particular questions which might be brought before it, and would be ready to give the matter very careful consideration if either a definite charge was formulated against any dentist of doing, in connexion with a clinic, anything which was undesirable, of if the Board was asked to assist in the establishment of any clinic on lines to which no exception could be taken.

The Board considered two cases in which advertising was charged against dentists. Both cases were postponed in order to give the dentists concerned an opportunity of modifying their announcements on their premises or elsewhere so as to comply with the Board's requirements. One dentist, who at the last session of the Board was charged with canvassing, and whose name was recommended by the Board for erasure from the *Register*, came again before the Board. The General Medical Council, to which the Board had referred the case, had, after hearing the respondent, expressed the opinion that there should be further inquiry. The Board now made further inquiry, with the respondent appearing before it—he did not appear when the case was first considered—and came to the conclusion that the facts alleged against him had not been proved, and so dismissed the case.

National Insurance.

AN indication of the happy relations which exist between the medical profession and the West Ham Insurance Committee was manifested at the annual meeting of the Insurance Committee, when Dr. Frank Challans was appointed chairman. Dr. Challans is the third medical man to hold this position, he having been preceded by Dr. Dayus in 1920 and Dr. H. S. Beadles in 1922 and 1923. We understand this is unique in the history of Insurance Committees.

LONDON PANEL COMMITTEE.

AT the meeting of the London Panel Committee on November 22nd, Dr. H. J. CARDALE presiding, the resignation from membership of the committee of Dr. A. H. Elliott, representing the borough of Lambeth, was announced. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Dr. Elliott was thanked for his past services. In view of the absence of one of the representatives for Islington from three consecutive meetings of the committee without explanation the Minister of Health was asked to declare that a casual vacancy had occurred in the representation of insurance practitioners resident in that borough.

Complaints of Canvassing.—The Ethical Subcommittee reported that it had considered three cases of complaint by one practitioner against another in regard to alleged canvassing. In each case it was felt that there was some ground for the complaint against the conduct of the practitioners concerned, and a warning had been given. The committee approved the report. Dr. E. G. Annis, chairman of the Ethical Subcommittee, said that hitherto the action taken by the subcommittee had been entirely of a preventive character. It had endeavoured to advise and educate practitioners so that they might not have to appear before the Medical Service Subcommittee of the Insurance Committee. That action had, in the opinion of some of the higher authorities, laid the subcommittee open to the charge of condoning the offences brought to its notice. The subcommittee had at its last meeting seriously considered whether the time had arrived when certain cases should be brought to the notice of the General Medical Council in order that that body might take what action it thought fit after hearing the cases. If cases similar to those reported that day came again before the subcommittee, or any practitioner had to reappear on such a complaint, the action he had indicated would be taken, although the subcommittee was anxious to avoid so drastic a step.

BIRMINGHAM PANEL COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Birmingham Panel Committee was held on November 15th. There was a large attendance of members.

Dr. Lydall, Chairman of the Midland Conjoint Group Committee, gave a summary of the work of the last meeting, stressing the fact that the members appreciated the concessions obtained by the Insurance Acts Committee from the Ministry of Health, to be placed before the Annual Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees. The estimated expenses of the Pharmaceutical Committee for the ensuing year were formally approved.

An application for payment for treatment by ultra-violet rays was made by a panel practitioner. As he gave evidence of his claim to be regarded as a specialist in that form of treatment it was decided that he could make a charge for it. Claims for anaesthetic and emergency fees were passed. The chairman produced area figures relating to prescribing, and compared the cost of treatment in 1926 and 1927 during the month of September. This appeared to be on the increase, and he urged that efforts should be made by the Panel Committee to draw the attention of insurance practitioners to the fact, and to impress upon them the necessity for greater care in prescribing.

Exception was taken by some of the members to certain statements made by Dr. Brackenbury at a meeting of the Incorporated Association of Approved Societies' Secretaries, and a resolution expressing regret that such should have been made was passed and copies were forwarded to Dr. Brackenbury and the Insurance Acts Committee.

OXFORDSHIRE PANEL COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Panel Committee for the county of Oxfordshire, held at the Radcliffe Infirmary on October 19th, the representative to the Annual Panel Conference gave his report of its proceedings, and was thanked by the meeting. A resolution was passed regretting the recent action of the Oxfordshire Insurance Committee in ordering a medical man to refund certain payments made to him by an insured patient. The facts, on inquiry by the Insurance Committee, plainly showed that, whoever was to blame for the mistake, the medical man in question certainly was not. The patient at the time treatment was given did not represent himself as insured, and it was only at a subsequent date that the matter was brought to the attention of the local member of Parliament, and through him to the Ministry, that the matter was dealt with by the Insurance Committee in the manner indicated above. The secretary informed the meeting that it was his intention to give notice of motion at the next meeting of the Insurance Committee that cases similar to the one above quoted should not be dealt with by orders for a refund, when it was clearly proved on inquiry that the medical man concerned was not to blame. The question of taking common action with neighbouring committees in the matter of useful circulars to practitioners was also considered, and the secretary was instructed to see what steps he could take with this object in view.

Correspondence.

Change of Doctor.

SIR,—The letters of "Alumnus" and "Medium Panel" (SUPPLEMENT, November 19th, p. 202) go to show the divergence of views existing amongst medical men on the question of change of doctor, but I think anyone who is working in an industrial area must agree with the contentions of "Medium Panel."

Since the system of "immediate change" has been in force the conscientious doctor has worked in a perfect nightmare of doubts and implied threats. In my experience the main classes of transfers are in three groups.

1. The married woman, either pregnant, post-parturient, or desirous of giving up work for good, who imagines she has been badly treated by having paid insurance money for a long period and not drawn much out of the funds (through being in good health). This type is out to get out of the funds as much as possible, and transfers sooner or later from one doctor to another in order to obtain incapacity certificates.

2. The patient who becomes momentarily dissatisfied through a side issue or grievance, such as finding the doctor out at a particular time, inability to pay a private account, etc.

3. The patient who is virtually canvassed, either directly or by promise of special drugs and treatment, or made to transfer in an emergency.

In my experience, which, I think, is that of most medical men known to me, No. 3 is the chief cause of transfer. It is with great regret that one has to admit the above fact, but it is true none the less. I have even had cases of transfer where the patient came in for treatment, being unaware that he had transferred. Such is the appalling ignorance of many insured persons and the abuse to which the old system could be put. The fortnight's interval will check to a large extent abuses like No. 3, and cases under Nos. 1 and 2 will quite easily go on their merry way by transfer by consent, since no one wants to keep a disgruntled patient. I feel sure that in course of time "Alumnus" will see that it makes medical practice (as distinct from money-making) more dignified, and tends to raise the standard of skill in treatment and observation, by doing away with regulations which are so easily abused, and by which the conscientious doctor is made to suffer.—I am, etc.,

Leeds. M.D.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Commander H. Wilks to the *Cumberland* for trials.

Surgeon Lieutenant C. T. Hyatt to the *Delphinium*.

C. B. Fox has entered as Surgeon Lieutenant for short service and appointed to the *Victory* for R.N. Hospital, Haslar, for course of instruction.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Adderley, D.S.O., is placed on the half-pay list on account of ill health.

Major H. C. Sidgwick, O.B.E., to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Captain G. D. Gripper to be Major (prov.).

Captain G. G. Cooper, late R.A.M.C. Militia, relinquishes the rank of Captain.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Wing Commander H. B. Porteous to R.A.F. General Hospital, Irak.

Squadron Leaders H. McW. Daniel to R.A.F. Depot, Middle East; W. F. Wilson, M.C., to No. 4 Flying Training School, Middle East, instead of to Headquarters, Middle East, as previously notified.

Flight Lieutenant C. P. Barber is promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader.

Flight Lieutenants E. D. D. Dickson to Palestine General Hospital; J. G. Russell to Headquarters, Middle East; C. V. D. Ross to No. 4 Flying Training School, Middle East; A. Dickson to No. 5 Squadron, India; G. J. Hanly to No. 60 Squadron, India; B. W. Cross to Aircraft Depot, India; R. H. Stanbridge and A. F. Cook to R.A.F. Depot, Middle East; J. Parry-Evans to No. 4 Flying Training School, Egypt.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Weld, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieut.-Colonel F. Stevenson, an Agency Surgeon, is posted as Residency Surgeon, Kashmir.

Major J. R. D. Webb, O.B.E., Health Officer, Simla, is placed on Foreign Service under the Indian Research Fund Association, with effect from November 1st, 1927, and up to February 28th, 1928, for special duty in connexion with the Seventh Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine and the League of Nations Interchange of Health Officers.

Major C. M. Ganapathy, M.C., Assistant Director-General, I.M.S., is appointed to act as Health Officer, Simla.

Major J. A. Shorten to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Captains to be Majors: R. C. Phelps and B. S. Dhondy.

Lieutenant G. Dockery to be Captain.

Colonel A. N. Fleming, D.S.O., K.H.S., and Lieut.-Colonel G. J. G. Young retire from the service.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

To be Lieutenants: J. D. Robertson and R. Rutherford.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant P. M. Speed from the active list to be Lieutenant.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

Major G. J. Keane, D.S.O., to be Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Uganda. Dr. P. P. Martyn to be Medical Officer, Nyasaland. Dr. L. U. Leembruggen to be Provincial Surgeon, Ceylon. Dr. S. Subramaniam to be Provincial Surgeon, Ceylon.

The following appointments have been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies during November: Miss H. M. Russell, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.T.M. and H., Assistant Pathologist, Medical Department, Gold Coast; G. Shearer, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, West African Medical Staff; L. R. Wynter, M.D., C.M., Medical Officer, Leeward Islands; R. J. Snodgrass, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. and S., Medical Officer, Fiji; W. L. Blakemore, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Straits Settlements; A. L. Kiow, M.B., Ch.B., Resident Surgeon, Colonial Hospital, St. Vincent, Windward Islands; W. B. R. Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Falkland Islands; Captain L. A. Celestin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Second Resident Surgeon, Civil Hospital, Port Louis, Mauritius; A. F. H. Stewart, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, District 2 (North), St. Vincent, Windward Islands; J. W. Murdoch, M.B., Ch.B., Second Assistant Medical Superintendent, Central Mental Hospital, Federated Malay States; Miss M. C. Cairney, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Lady Medical Officer, Federated Malay States; F. Widlake, L.M.S.S.A., Medical Officer, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, Western Pacific.

VACANCIES.

ARGYLL AND BUTE DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL, Lochgilphead.—Assistant Medical Officer (unmarried). Salary £300.

BOLTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon (female). Salary £150 per annum.

BRIGHTON: NEW SUSSEX HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—Radiologist (female). Honorarium £100 per annum.

BURY INFIRMARY.—Third House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

CARDIFF ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Surgeon to the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.

CHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Second Honorary Assistant Physician.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon (male). Salary £125 per annum.

DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY, Derby.—House-Surgeon (male) for General Surgical and Ear, Throat, and Nose Department. Salary £150 per annum.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.—Medical Superintendent of the Seaham Hall Sanatorium. Salary at the rate of £600 per annum.

DEVON MENTAL HOSPITAL, Exminster.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (male, unmarried). Salary £300 per annum, rising to £350.

EXETER: WONFORD HOUSE HOSPITAL.—Medical Superintendent.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Resident House-Governor. Salary £500 per annum.

INVERARAY PARISH COUNCIL.—Medical Officer and Vaccinator for the North Division and the Local Authority of the Burgh of Inveraray. Joint salary £120 per annum.

IPSWICH: EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Casualty Officer (male). Salary £100 per annum each.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.—Senior Medical Registrar.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Senior House-Surgeon at the Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital. Salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

LIVERPOOL: DAVID LEWIS NORTHERN HOSPITAL.—Honorary Radiologist.

LIVERPOOL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—X-Ray Specialist at Clinic. Remuneration 3 guineas per session.

LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Honorary Physician.

LIVERPOOL ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL.—Honorary Anaesthetist. Honorarium £50 per annum.

LIVERPOOL STANLEY HOSPITAL.—Honorary Radiologist.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.1.—(1) House-Physician. (2) Casualty Officer. (3) Medical Registrar. Salary for (1) and (2) £100 and £120 per annum respectively, and for (3) honorarium of 40 guineas.

MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Greenwich Road, S.E.10.—House-Surgeon (male, unmarried). Salary £125 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM: GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

PENYBONT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL AND BRIDGEND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary £600 per annum.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Surgical Officer; salary £100 per annum. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Casualty House-Surgeons. Males.

PRINCE OF WALES'S GENERAL HOSPITAL, Tottenham, N.15.—Honorary Anaesthetist. Honorarium £20 per annum.

ST. PANCRAS PARISH.—Junior Assistant Medical Superintendent of the St. Pancras Hospital and Junior Assistant Medical Officer of the St. Pancras House adjacent. Salary £350 per annum.

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CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following appointments are vacant: Hoylake (Cheshire) and Cannock (Staffs). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

BOND, Hilda M. Price, M.B., B.S.Lond., Out-patient Medical Officer to the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway.

CRICHTON, J. W., M.B., Ch.B.Ed., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Lydbrook District, co. Gloucester.

MESSER, William, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., Physician to the Bradford Royal Infirmary.

SMYTH, Michael J., M.Ch., F.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Surgeon to the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, St. John's Wood.

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Diary of the Association.

DECEMBER.

16 Fri. London: Medical Officers of Public Schools Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.

20 Tues. London: Lunacy Law and Administration Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Croydon Division: Croydon General Hospital. Mr. Gwynne Williams on Cancer, 8.30 p.m.
Lewisham Division: Town Hall, Catford. Dr. Rose Jordan on Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 8.45 p.m.
Stratford Division: Educational Offices, The Grove, Stratford. Mr. L. Carnac Rivett on Pyrexia during the Puerperium, 9.15 p.m.

21 Wed. London: Hospitals Subcommittee, 11 a.m.
Willesden Division: Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, N.W. Dr. G. F. Buchan on Public Education in Health, 9 p.m.

22 Thurs. Fife Branch: Complimentary Dinner to Dr. C. E. Douglas, Station Hotel, Kirkcaldy, 6.45 p.m.

JANUARY.

5 Thurs. Guildford Division: Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. Sir John Collie on Where Law and Medicine Meet, 4 p.m.

6 Fri. Holland Division: Spalding. B.M.A. Lecture by Sir Humphry Rolleston on the Medical Aspects of Idiosyncrasies, 3 p.m.

13 Fri. Tyneside Division Dinner.

19 Thurs. London: Journal Committee, 2.30 p.m.

25 Wed. Lambeth and Southwark Division: Lambeth Carlton Club, Coldharbour Lane, S.W.9. Dr. A. G. G. Thompson on the Schick Test.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

General Meeting of Fellows.—Tues., 5.30 p.m., Ballot for election to Fellowship.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Tues., 5 p.m., Urticaria.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Mon., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics; Operations. Tues., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; Operations. Wed., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics; Operations. Thurs, 11.30 a.m., Dental Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinics; Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Surgical, Medical, and Children's Diseases Clinics; Operations.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.7.—Tues., 3.15 p.m., Chronic Intestinal Obstruction.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.12.—Wed., 4 p.m., Certification of Mental Patients.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.6.—Mon., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Genito-urinary Operations, Skin Department, Surgical Wards; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Gynaecological and Eye Departments. Tues., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medical Ward Visit, Demonstrations in Venereal Diseases; 2 p.m., Medical Wards, Throat, Nose, and Ear Department; Wed., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Children's Medical Out-patients, Medical Wards, Demonstration in Medical Pathology; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Eye Department. Thurs., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Neurological Department, Demonstration of Fractures; 2 p.m., Eye and Genito-urinary Departments, Gynaecological Ward. Fri., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Dental, Skin, and Electrical Departments; 2 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Department. Daily: Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patients at 2 p.m.

JAMES MACKENZIE INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, St. Andrews.—Tues., 4 p.m., Some Pitfalls in the Diagnosis of Acute Abdominal Conditions.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

DEATHS.

COX.—On December 10th, 1927, at Cotfield, Fairdene Road, Coulsdon, Florence Amelia, the wife of Alfred Cox, M.B.

MARTIN.—At West Villa, Akenside Terrace, Jesmond, on December 8th, Ellen Renfree, wife of William Martin, M.D. Service at Jesmond Parish Church on Monday, December 12th, at noon, and at Jesmond Old Cemetery immediately following.

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